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Tuesday - 25 November 1969

1. (Confidential - JMM) Arranged by telephone with Representative John O. Marsh details for tomorrow morning's breakfast briefing.

2. (Secret - JMM) Called Carl Marcy, Chief of Staff, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, in response to Senator Fulbright's earlier request to the Director for the text of a briefing allegedly given by Greek Foreign Minister Pipinellis to a number of Greek ambassadors. I told Marcy the full text was now available and had just been translated, and that copies were in the hands of the State Department and other agencies concerned. I said that since the document dealt exclusively with matters of foreign policy and diplomatic concern we thought the State Department was the proper agency to provide the Foreign Relations Committee with a copy and possible comment. I said I understood that Secretary Rogers might wish to speak to Chairman Fulbright about it.

Mr. Marcy thanked me for the call but said the Committee had already obtained a copy and was just completing translation. He said the Chairman of course would be glad to hear Secretary Roger's views thereon.

Late in the afternoon, Mr. Marcy sent us urgently the Committee's version of the Pipinellis statement with the request that we comment on its accuracy as soon as possible.

3. (Confidential - JMM) Lunched with Sy Friedin, in the office of Senator Thomas Dodd (D., Conn.). Friedin gave me details on a rather heated debate within the Foreign Relations Committee regarding publication of the findings of Symington's Subcommittee in connection with U.S. involvements in Southeast Asia. According to Friedin, Senators Dodd, McGee and Mundt are strenuously opposed to Fulbright's insistence that the full record be published, and in this have more recently been joined by Senators Javits and Aiken. Symington and Mansfield have thus far not committed themselves.

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7. (Confidential - JMM) Representative John O. Marsh (D., Va.) called to say that he had talked further by phone with Representative Burt Talcott (R., Calif.) who is now on the west coast and still hoped to arrange a breakfast briefing at the Agency on Wednesday, 26 November. Mr. Marsh said that Talcott had already lined up three Republicans and Marsh planned several Democratic colleagues including some from outside the Appropriations Committee so it would not be primarily an Appropriations Committee show. I told Marsh this was fine but would still have to be guided by word from Chairman Mahon.

I told Mr. Marsh I had continued to look into the question he had raised with us about who, if anyone, in the executive departments is responsible for reviewing from a security standpoint release of counterpart funds to foreign governments for the conduct of scientific research--some of which Marsh suspects may be going to projects of military application. I said after checking with contacts in Defense, State and the White House, I still didn't have the answer and assumed that this was not being done systematically anywhere. Marsh said this confirmed his suspicions and he might take up the problem with the White House or the State Department himself.

8. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Arthur Kuhl, Chief Clerk, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and reviewed with him Committee use of the transcript of the Director's testimony on Laos. It was agreed that delivery of the transcript to the Committee on a daily basis would be discontinued after today. The transcript will be held by the Agency subject to the call of the Chairman.

9. (Secret - JGO) Met separately with Chairman George P. Miller and Mr. James Wilson, Professional Staff Member, House Science and Astronautics Committee, and updated the information previously provided concerning a Soviet space event. Representative Miller indicated that time will be limited during the coming week due to the holiday, but that he wants to move forward in arranging a meeting of certain of his Subcommittee chairmen for briefing on current Soviet space activities. I thanked the Chairman and told him we would await his pleasure.

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10. (Unclassified - JGO) Met with Mr. Robert Michaels who advised that as yet Chairman Mahon, House Appropriations Committee, has made no new assignments or adjustments in the Committee staff. Mr. Michaels also advised that he had talked with Representative John Marsh (D., Va.) who indicated that he had talked to Chairman Mahon about a visit to the Agency by himself, Representative Burt Talcott (R., Calif.), and possibly others. Mr. Michaels had no details on the conversation other than Marsh has talked to the Chairman and will be visiting the Agency.

11. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and reviewed with him the status of H.R. 14571, a bill to amend the CIA Retirement Act. In response to my questions Mr. Slatinshek indicated that the material I provided him prior to the consideration of the bill by the full Committee answers all questions he can foresee from Committee members or others in taking the bill to the floor. He does not anticipate any difficulty in passage of the bill which is now scheduled on the consent calendar of the House. Mr. Slatinshek also advised that he has reviewed our bill along with others with Mr. Ed Braswell, Senate Armed Services Committee staff. Mr. Braswell likewise foresees little difficulty in handling the bill on the Senate side after passage by the House.

12. (Secret - JGO) Met separately with Mr. John R. Blandford and Mr. Frank Slatinshek, House Armed Services Committee staff, and briefed them on ChiCom personnel trenches.

13. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Mr. Darrell St. Claire, Chief Clerk of the Senate, who has just returned from rather extensive travels with Senate designees to the Commonwealth Parliamentarian Meeting. He feels that the Agency might be interested in reviewing with him some of his observations of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee visit to Nepal and Pakistan. As he was pressed for time, it was decided we would talk further the first of the week on a possible debriefing meeting later in the week.

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Thursday - 20 November 1969

1. (Confidential - JMM) This afternoon Carl Marcy, Chief of Staff of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, called regarding Senator Fulbright's request for comment on the Evans and Novak story regarding anti-American statements attributed to Greek Foreign Minister Pipinellis. Marcy said Fulbright was much interested in this question and raised it today with Secretary Laird. Marcy also remarked this development might have a decisive bearing on the confirmation of Ambassador-designate Taska, and that if the Agency couldn't produce the original text Evans and Novak might be able to provide it. Per the Director's instructions, I replied to Marcy that I knew the Director had this matter very much in mind and we were still trying to get all the facts, and as soon as we had done so--probably in the next few days--the Director would be in touch with Fulbright.

2. (Confidential - GS) Mrs. Cass, Personal Secretary to Senator Abraham Ribicoff (D., Conn.), called and asked if Mr. Maury could come to see the Senator at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, 24 November. After checking with Mr. Maury, I confirmed the time with Mrs. Cass.

3. (Unclassified - LLM) Margie Trew, in the office of Representative John E. Hunt (R., N.J.), called in connection with a letter from a young constituent interested in a career in "espionage." I said we would be glad to prepare a suitable reply and she will send us this letter.

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Monday - 17 November 1969

1. (Unclassified - GLC) Hand carried to George Murphy, on the staff of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, individual biographies on the members of the Soviet delegation to the SALT talks in Helsinki.

2. (Secret - JMM) Per the Director's instruction, called Mr. Bryce Harlow, in the White House, to request guidance in responding to Senator John Sherman Cooper's request that William G. Miller, of Senator Cooper's staff, receive "special clearances for sensitive matters." Mr. Harlow was unavailable and Mr. Lamar Alexander called me back to ask that I explain the problem to him. He said he would take the matter up with Mr. Harlow as soon as possible and either he or Mr. Harlow would call me in the next day or two.

3. (Secret - JMM) About 6:00 p.m. Mr. Alexander called me back to say that he had raised the above matter with Mr. Harlow and Mr. Harlow suggested that he and the Director discuss it when they see each other tomorrow morning at the briefing of Congressional leaders on the Hill.

4. (Internal Use Only - JMM) Accompanied the Director to the Capitol where he appeared, jointly with Ambassador Unger, before the Symington Subcommittee on U.S. Security Agreements and Commitments Abroad of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. (See Memo for the Record.)

5. (Confidential - JMM) Following the formal meeting, Chairman Fulbright asked the Director if he had seen the Evans and Novak story about a briefing Greek Foreign Minister Panayiotis Pipinellis had given certain Greek ambassadors regarding Greek policy toward the U.S. The Director said he had not seen the press item. The Chairman said it was very interesting if true and wondered whether the Agency could obtain a copy of Pipinellis' remarks. The Director said we would try.

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9. (Internal Use Only - CEA) Received a call from Mr. Roger Lewis, Administrative Assistant to Representative Morris K. Udall (D., Ariz.), inquiring if the Agency was in any way connected with [REDACTED]

Mr. Lewis

said they had received a letter from a constituent who is convinced that some of their work is done for the Agency. I told Mr. Lewis that Agency policy was "no comment" regarding such inquiry as this, and this seemed to satisfy Mr. Lewis.

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10. (Confidential - JGO) [REDACTED] SB Division, and [REDACTED] met with Representative Joshua Eilberg (D., Pa.) and Mr. Garner J. Cline, Counsel, House Judiciary Committee, and provided a defensive briefing. Representative Eilberg and his wife, accompanied by Mr. Cline part of the way, will be leaving Thursday for a trip to Europe and the Soviet Union. They will visit Moscow, Kiev and Uman. It was noted in passing that in the past Representative Eilberg has been quite outspoken on the floor of the House concerning anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union. Mr. Meyers was able to respond to the many questions posed by Representative Eilberg. No followup action is required.

11. (Secret - JGO) After the Director's appearance before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, I met with Mr. Carl Marcy, Chief of Staff of the Committee, who advised that Chairman Fulbright had been very complimentary about Mr. Helms in remarks to members of the Committee and staff after the witnesses had left the hearing room. Mr. Marcy also advised that there was no followup action required on the part of the Agency from today's hearing.

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1. (Unclassified - RJK) Delivered FBIS items which mentioned the Senator's name to the offices of Senator Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.) and Senator John Sparkman (D., Ala.).
2. (Unclassified - JMD) In response to her call of Monday, forwarded to Mrs. Hudson, Commerce Department Congressional Liaison office, a copy of the OCI publication "Middle East Oil Statistical Summary" dated October 1968. Mrs. Hudson said she had received a request from Mr. Benson, of the House Foreign Affairs Committee staff, for a copy of this document. She will forward it on to the Committee on a non-attributable basis.
3. (Confidential - JGO) Received a call from Jim Cline, Counsel, House Judiciary Committee, who requested a personal security briefing for Representative Joshua Eilberg (D., Pa.) who will be traveling to Moscow, Kiev and Uman, USSR. After checking with DDP the briefing was scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Monday in Representative Eilberg's office.
4. (Secret - JGO) Talked to Mr. Arthur Kuhl, Chief Clerk, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who advised that the transcript of the Director's testimony on Laos will be needed on Monday. The Symington Subcommittee is meeting but it is not certain whether Senator Symington will be present.
5. (Secret - GLC) Met briefly with Bill Woodruff, on the staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and talked with him about topics of conversations between the Director and Senator Russell when they meet on Monday. (See Memo to the Director.)

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Inside Washington

Fulbright Complaint On Laos: Ludicrous

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WASHINGTON — Some of his Senate colleagues are acidly ridiculing Sen. J. William Fulbright's complaint that Congress was kept in the dark about the increasing U.S. involvement in Laos.

"Ludicrous" is the word used by one Senate Democrat to describe a recent interview in which Fulbright called it "inconceivable that such operations are going on without informing Congress."

In the interview, the Arkansas Democrat said he knew of certain clandestine operations in Laos but was ignorant of their extent. Other senators are saying that Fulbright knew — or should have known — all about all such operations.

They note that Fulbright has been chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for 10 years. Beginning in 1963, his committee has authorized many millions of dollars in military aid for Laos, and colleagues say Fulbright could not have been ignorant of that.

Since Fulbright has been increasingly critical of the military aid program over the years, his critics say he certainly obtained detailed data on the Laos "secret war."

They make a more telling point, however. They note that Fulbright, for more than a year, has been invited to sit in on the top secret briefings given by the Central Intelligence Agency to a Senate subcommittee which supervises CIA operations.

INTELLIGENCE WATCHDOGS — In the House and in the Senate two committees, Armed Services and Appropriations, have subcommittees which are given full access to secret CIA information. Periodically, CIA Director Richard Helms briefs the congressional groups.

No record is kept of this super-secret testimony. However, one of the subcommittee chairmen, Sen. Richard B. Russell, D-Ga., has often told newsmen after the sessions that Helms conducted a "round-the-world" run-down of major trouble spots. In recent years, according to other participants, Laos has always figured prominently among the trouble spots.

In 1966 Fulbright failed in the most recent of a series of attempts to broaden congressional oversight of CIA. The Senate shelved a proposal backed by Fulbright to give the Foreign Relations Committee a part of the CIA stewardship.

After a comfortable interval had passed, Russell, then chairman of the Armed Services Committee and of the combined Senate intelligence subcommittees, announced that Fulbright and two other members of the Foreign Relations Committee would be invited to sit in on meetings of the intelligence subcommittee.

On that basis Fulbright began attending the sessions in January 1968, and hearing the round-the-world CIA summaries.

A DOZEN CHANCES — All of the intelligence sessions are not formally announced. (Occasionally the groups meet at the CIA headquarters in nearby Langley, Va.) But seven or eight meetings of the combined Senate intelligence subcommittees were held last year.

This year, with Russell now head of the Senate Appropriations Committee, meetings of the two Senate intelligence subcommittees have not always been combined. However, Fulbright had been invited to three or four of the 1969 sessions when he complained of inadequate information on Laos.

In the absence of official records, there is no way to tell how many meetings Fulbright actually attended. Some of the meetings have been long ones, and there is no way of determining now how many times Fulbright may have slipped out early.

Nevertheless, it is clear that over a period of nearly two years the senator had 10 or a dozen opportunities to hear the war in Laos discussed in minute detail by the director of CIA — the agency which has been handling the clandestine operations.

It is no surprise, then, that some of his colleagues think Fulbright had reason to know all there is to know about them.

It is also noted that Sen. Stuart Symington, D-Mo., has twice visited Laos in recent years and was well briefed there on the "secret war." Symington is a member of Fulbright's Foreign

Relations Committee and was named months ago by Fulbright to head the subcommittee which has been looking into the Laos involvement.

NOT AGAIN — Fulbright got a grudging respect, if not admiration when he stated frankly last year that his Foreign Relations Committee was ill informed and acting in the dark when it hastily approved the Tonkin Gulf resolution in 1964 and thus gave congressional sanction to the war in Vietnam.

The reaction is not so benevolent this time. One wag, hereabouts, suggests that Fulbright is beginning to resemble the musician, arrested in a bordello, who insisted that he had been playing the parlor piano, among the painted ladies, and was ill informed about the uses of the fancy rooms upstairs.